

HealthMarkets, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PALACIOS CONNIE

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9151 BOULEVARD 26

(Street)

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HealthMarkets, Inc. [N/A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/08/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Treasurer/Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A-1 Common Stock					2,847	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 37	05/08/2006		A	3,467	05/08/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 05/08/2016	Class A-1 Common Stock	3,467
Stock Option	<u>(2)</u>	05/08/2006		A	3,466	05/08/2007 ⁽³⁾ 05/08/2016	Class A-1 Common Stock	3,466

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PALACIOS CONNIE 9151 BOULEVARD 26 NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180				Treasurer/Controller

Signatures

Connie Palacios by /s/ Peggy G. Simpson,
POA

05/09/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) The options vest in 20% increments on each of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of May 8, 2006
- The initial exercise price of the option is \$37.00. The exercise price of the option will accrete by 10% per year, starting on May 8, 2008. If the optionee exercises the option prior to May 8, 2008, the exercise price will be \$37.00. If the optionee exercises the option on or after May 8, 2008 but prior to May 8, 2009, the exercise price will be \$40.70. If the optionee exercises the option on or after May 8, 2009 but prior to May 8, 2010, the exercise price will be \$44.77. If the optionee exercises the option on or after May 8, 2010 but prior to May 8, 2011, the exercise price will be \$49.25. If the optionee exercises the option on or after May 8, 2011, the exercise price will be \$54.17.
- The option vests in different increments on each of the first five anniversaries of May 8, 2006. Twenty-five percent of the option vests on
- (3) May 8, 2007. Twenty-five percent of the option vests on May 8, 2008. Seventeen percent of the option vests on May 8, 2009. Seventeen percent of the option vests on May 8, 2010. The remaining 16% of the option vests on May 8, 2011.

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